**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Public Services- Social Welfare Department- Certain allegations levelled against Sri P.Gopala Krishna, the then Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Avanigadda, Krishna District (Now Retired) - Disciplinary action initiated against him - Article of Charges Issued - Inquiry conducted - Charges not proved – Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

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**SOCIAL WELFARE (VIG.) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.RT.No. 213** **Dated: 18-10-2024**
**Read the following:**

1. Letter Rc.No.C1/105/2021, dt.26.03.2021 of the Dy. Director (SW), Krishna District.
2. Proc.Rc.No.A2/1102/2021, dt.31.03.2021 of the Director of Social Welfare, A.P., Tadepalli.
3. Proc.Rc.No.A2/1102/2021, dt.14.07.2021 of the Director of Social Welfare, A.P., Tadepalli.
4. Proc.Rc.No.A2/1102/2021, dt.28.07.2021 of the Director of Social Welfare, A.P., Tadepalli.
5. Explanation of Sri P.Gopala Krishna, A.S.W.O. through the Dy. Director (SW), Krishna District vide Letter Rc.No.C1/107/2021, dt.09.09.2021.
6. Procs.Rc.No.A2/1102/2021, dt.14.12.2023 of the Director of Social Welfare, A.P., Tadepalli.
7. Proc.Rc.No.A2/1102/2021, dt.22.02.2024 of the Director of Social Welfare, A.P., Tadepalli.
8. Inquiry report dated 17.05.2024 of Smt.M.Rama Devi, Inquiry Authority/Dy. Director (SW), O/o Director of Social Welfare, A.P. Tadepalli.
9. Memo Rc.No.A2/1102/2021, dated 25.06.2024 of the Director of Social Welfare, A.P. Tadepalli.
10. Representation dt.02.07.2024 of Sri P.Gopala Krishna, A.S.W.O. (Retd.).
11. From the Director of Social Welfare, A.P. Tadepalli Letter Rc.No.A2/1102/ 2021, dt.31/07/2024.

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**O R D E R**:

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that based on the Preliminary inquiry report submitted in the letter 1st read above on the allegation of sexual harassment, Sri P.Gopala Krishna, the then Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Avanigadda, Krishna District, was kept under suspension in the proceedings 2nd read above and subsequently the accused was reinstated to duty, pending finalization of disciplinary proceedings against him in the proceedings 3rd read above.

**2.** The Director of Social Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli has initiated departmental proceedings against Sri P.Gopala Krishna, Assistant Social Welfare Officer, by framing articles of charges in the proceedings 4th read above and the Charged Officer has submitted his explanation to the charges framed against him in his written statement of defence 5th read above.

**3**. In the proceedings. 7th read above, Smt. M.Rama Devi, Deputy Director (SW), O/o. the Director of Social Welfare, A.P., Tadepalli was appointed as inquiry officer to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against the Charged Officer and in the proceedings 6th read above, Sri Shaik Shahid Babu, District Scheduled Caste Welfare & Empowerment Officer, Krishna District was appointed as Presenting Officer.

**4**. The inquiry Authority has submitted inquiry report in the letter 8th read above, stating that the two (2) charges framed against Sri P.Gopala Krishna, the then Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Avanigadda, Krishna District are held not proved. A copy of the inquiry report was communicated to Sri P.Gopala Krishna, the then Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Avanigadda, Krishna District (now retired) for his further representation in the Memo 9th read above and the charged officer has submitted explanation in his further representation 10th read above.

**(P.T.O.)**

**5**. In the letter 11th read above, the Director of Social Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli while forwarding the record of enquiry, has recommended to drop further disciplinary action against Sri P.Gopala Krishna, the then Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Avanigadda, Krishna District (now retired) as Article of charges issued against him are not proved in the detailed inquiry.

**6**. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to drop further action against the Charged Officer Sri P.Gopala Krishna, the then Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Avanigadda, Krishna District (now retired) as the charges framed against him are held not proved in the detailed enquiry and accordingly, hereby drop further action against Sri P.Gopala Krishna, the then Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Avanigadda, Krishna District (now retired).

**7**. The Director of Social Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.KANNA BABU
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.Gopala Krishna, the then Assistant Social Welfare Officer,
Avanigadda, Krishna District (Now retd.,)
(**through** the Director of Social Welfare,
Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli)
The Director of Social Welfare,
Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli, Guntur District,
**Copy to**:
The Accountant General (A&E),
Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur Dist.
SF/SCs.

**//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//**

**SECTION OFFICER**